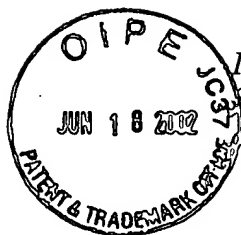


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Grp./Div. : 2663  
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231 June 5, 2002

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of March 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 15. Amend claims 1, 11-13 and 19-21. The now pending claims 1-14 and 16-21 are as follows:

1. (Amended) In a switching device, a method of communicating data packets from sending ports to destination ports, the method comprising:

storing in a first stage queue packet-related data from a sending port;

determining from the packet-related data which destination ports are to receive the packet-related data in the first stage queue;

storing in a second stage queue associated with each determined destination port the packet-related data from the first stage queue; and